GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3411
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WHEAT IMPORT SCAM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat import scam involving the officers of State Trading Corporation has come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter is being investigated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action being taken against such persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a),(b),(c) &(d) CBI on the basis of preliminary enquiry, registered a regular case on the allegations that certain officers of the Cabinet Secretariat, Department of Food, STC, FCI connived together and in pursuance of the same did various acts of commission/omission in procurement of 2 million MT of wheat from Australian Wheat Board during the year 1998. This Department had furnished the bio-data of Dr. S .M Dewan, the CMD, STC, as sought by CBI in this regard. Later in a note submitted to the Cabinet Secretary on the result of the investigations, CBI has stated that for want of conclusive evidence against the accused persons, a closure report was filed in the court of Special judge, Delhi, on 3.1.2004 and the Court after due consideration accepted the same on 17.01.2004. In July 2008 CBI have requisitioned certain documents/files from STC, returned by them, relating to the above case stating that further investigations in the matter has now commenced. Further status of the ongoing investigation has not been intimated to STC by CBI so far.